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REMARKS

Specification

The specification stands objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132 for adding New Matter into the disclosure. The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's instructions to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims

Claims 17-20 remain in the application. Claim 17 is independent. Claims 1-16 and 21 have been canceled.

Withdrawn Claims

The Examiner has withdrawn claim 21 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Applicant has canceled claim 21.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-15, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner indicates that these claims include New Matter. In particular, that the third sheet is permanently affixed to the first sheet. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, and 12-15 have been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended to remove the New Matter identified by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 10, 12, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Patience. Claims 3, 4, 6-9, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patience. Claims 1, 3, 4-6, 6-10, and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Finch and Peppiat et al. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, and 12-15 have been canceled.

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Allowable Claims

Claims 17 and 19-20 were indicated as being allowed by the Examiner in the Office Action Summary. Applicant respectfully accepts allowed claims 17 and 19-20. Claim 18 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 by removing the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being New Matter. Claim 18 has been rewritten to remove the subject matter believed by the Examiner to constitute New Matter.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that this Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, MAILSTOP AF - NO FEE, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 19, 2003.



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